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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to the Notice to file Corrected Application Papers mailed in the case on March 26, 2001, applicants, by their attorney, hereby submit a substitute specification that complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.52 to replace the specification as originally filed with the application on February 5, 2001, for which it was indicated that the original specification contained improper margins.

The replacement specifications submitted herewith is believed to conform to all margin requirements in that it has a left margin of at least 2.5 centimeters (1 inch) and top, bottom and right margins of at least 2.0 centimeters (3/4 inch). Headers, including the attorney docket number, footers, including the page numbers and line numbers all fall within the acceptable zone of each page and do not extend into in any of the margins.

In addition, the substitute specification has been reformatted for A4 size paper so that it may also be adapted for future anticipated foreign filings.

The substantive content of the substitute specification is exactly identical to that filed in the original specification filed on February 5, 2001. No substantive changes have been made and new matter has been added to the specification.

This substitute specification is being filed within the two month date of the Notice, mailed March 26, 2001, for which the deadline to respond is May 26, 2001.

Accordingly, no fees for an extension of time are required with the filing of this substitute specification. If, however, any additional fees are required with this filing, they should be charged to Deposit Account 01-0035.

A copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers is enclosed herewith.

Acceptance of the substitute specification and confirmation of the originally accorded application number and filing date is earnestly solicited.

Please date stamp and return the attached postcard receipt.

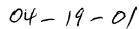
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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
 - Papers contain improper margins. Each sheet must have a left margin of at least 2.5 cm (1") and top, bottom and right margins of at least 2.0 cm (3/4")

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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